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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MAN FERROSTAAL, INC. now known as
FERROSTAAL METALS GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

M/V MAROUDIO, her engines, boilers,
tackle, etc., NIOVIS SHIPPING CO.,
SA APPLETON SHIPPING LTD.,
GEARBULK (UK) LTD., GEARBULK A.G.,

Defendants.

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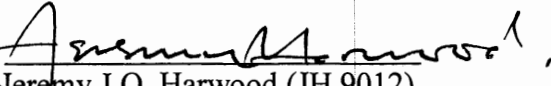
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F.R. CIV. P. RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Pursuant to F. R. Civ. P. Rule 7.1 and to enable judges and magistrates of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned attorney of record for Defendants certifies that there are no publicly held corporate parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates of that party, securities or other interests in which are publicly held.

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